

Key Messages

The largest single attack since the escalation of violence has claimed at least 55 lives, all civilians. Unconfirmed reports put the number of civilian deaths as high as 120. The airstrikes hit the staff compound of the Al Mukha Power Plant in Taizz Governorate.

Civilians are increasingly under attack. Parties to the conflict are reminded of their obligations under International Humanitarian Law, which demands that parties do their utmost to avoid civilian casualties.

Taizz experiences mass casualties in single worst incident since March

Airstrikes hit a residential complex of Al Mukha Power Station in Al Mukha District, Taizz Governorate on 24 July. By noon on 26 July, health facilities had reported 55 deaths and 91 injuries (Source: World Health Organization). Media reports suggest that the death toll could be as high as 120. The number is likely to increase as more bodies are recovered from the rubble, where an unknown number of people were trapped 36 hours after the attacks. This attack is being characterized as the deadliest since the escalation of the conflict on 26 March, and it is thought the casualties are all civilians. The attack targeted workers' housing near the local power plant in Al Mukha. Around 120 houses out of the 200 houses in the Power Station staff compound were badly damaged.

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, nearly 20,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were residing in Al Mukha District, some of whom were in or were staying close to the destroyed complex.

The Director of the Taizz Health Office reported that local hospitals were overwhelmed by admission of mass casualties. Roughly 100 injured people were taken to hospitals in Al Hudaydah Governorate around 184 km from Al Mukha.

This attack came a day after the conclusion of the Eid holiday in Yemen and a day prior to a planned humanitarian pause.

Medical emergency kits were dispatched today to local hospitals and mobilization of mobile health clinics is also planned.

Official figures point to over 23,300 deaths and injuries since the conflict escalated on 26 March.

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